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In re Application of:  
Michael Arnouse  
Application No. 10/643,101  
Filed: 08/18/2003  
For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR AIRCRAFT SECURITY

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL**

This is a decision on the Petition To Make Special under MPEP 708.02, XI: Invention for Countering Terrorism, filed August 18, 2003.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), and in accordance with MPEP 708.02, XI, for an invention which contributes to the countering of terrorism, must include the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i). The petition must also be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism. Examples of the types of technology for countering terrorism are set forth in MPEP 708.02, XI as including, but not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.

The statements made in the petition show how the technology of the instant application directly contributes to the countering of terrorism.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited action in its turn.

  
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